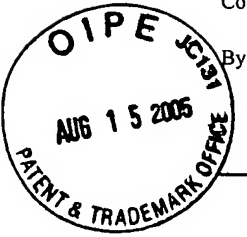


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AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to the Action issued April 19, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response is due August 19, 2005, with a one-month extension of time, which is submitted concurrently herewith. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows.